

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Tomihiko AZUMA  
Title: BUSINESS INFORMATION  
SYSTEM AND METHOD OF  
MANAGING BUSINESS  
INFORMATION  
Appl. No.: Unassigned  
Filing Date: December 6, 2001  
Examiner: Unassigned  
Art Unit: Unassigned

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows. The changes to the specification are provided in a "Version With Changes Shown" section of this amendment.

Page 10, fourth full paragraph (lines 11-14), please replace it with:

Figs. 15(1) and 15(2) are diagrammatic views illustrating another example of the customizing information stored in the customizing information registering unit of Fig. 1;

**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 6, 2001

FOLEY & LARDNER  
Washington Harbour  
3000 K Street, N.W., Suite 500  
Washington, D.C. 20007-5143  
Telephone: (202) 672-5485  
Facsimile: (202) 672-5399

By Philip J. Antinola <sup>Reg. No.</sup>  
<sup>38,819</sup>  
for David A. Blumenthal  
Attorney for Applicant  
Registration No. 26,257

Version With Changes Shown:

Page 10, fourth full paragraph (lines 11-14):

Figs. 15(1) and 15(2) are diagrammatic views illustrating another example of the customizing information stored in the customizing information registering unit of Fig. 1;